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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 7968 ACTION BUCHAREST BUDAPEST MOSCOW
PRAGUE SOFIA WARSAW INFO USIA WASHDC 12 OCT (FOR INFO).

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E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJ: EUROVISION COVERAGE OF U.S. ELCTION NIGHT

REF: GENEVA 7415

1. EUROVISION PLANS TO CARRY LIVE AND BY DIRECT SATELLITE THE NBC
SPECIAL ELECTION PROGRAM FROM 23:30 GMT NOV 2 UNTIL 0500 GMT
NOV 3. IF THE ELECTION IS TOO CLOSE AND THE OUTCOME STILL UNCERTAIN
AT THAT HOUR, THEY MAY CONTINUE LIVE COVERAGE AS REQUIRED.

2. EBU (EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION) MEMBERS ARE BEIN OFFERED
CHOICE OF NBC'S QUOTE COMPLETE PROGRAM SOUND UNQUOTE; COMPLETE
PROGRAM SOUND PLUS ATMOSPHERIC BACKGROUND SOUND FROM NBC STUDIOS;
OR VISUALS TO GO WITH THEIR OWN COMMENTARY FROM CORRESPONDENTS
IN NEW YORK.

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3. AS INDICATED EARLIER, EE POSTS WISHING TO ARRANGE SPECIAL ELECTION PROGRAMS SHOULD HAVE THEIR RESPECTIVE BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS CONTACT INTERVISION'S LIAISON OFFICE IN PRAGUE. ACCORDING TO OUR EBU INFORMANTS, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM ABOUT PICKING UP NBC'S ORIGINAL ENGLISH SOUND. A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN BROADCASTERS, OF COURSE, WILL DO THEIR OWN VOICE-OVERS.

4. IN ADDITION TO FULL NBC COVERAGE, EUROVISION PLANS TEN-MINUTE BREAKS AT 22 MINUTES AFTER EACH HOUR TO CARRY ELECTION SUMMARIES FROM ABC AND CBS.

5. FOR WARSAW: FYI, EBU TELLS US THEY HAVE HAD AN INQUIRY FROM DR. MIKULIC (PHONETIC), DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR POLISH TV, ABOUT ELECTION COVERAGE PLANS. INQUIRY STATES IT IS BEING MADE AT BEHEST OF AMEMBASSY WARSAW. EBU IS NOT PLANNING TO REPLY, SINCE THEY CONSIDER THIS CABLE ADEQUATE ANSWER.

6. STILL FOR WARSAW: EBU ALSO TELLS US THEY HAVE HAD A REQUEST FROM POLISH TV FOR FACILITIES IN NEW YORK FOR A UNILATERAL ON-CAMERA TEN-MINUTE REPORT AT 16:15 GMT NOV 3. HAFREY
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